

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

**City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**

Following City Council Meeting

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

6:53 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION REVIEW OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3
– DUTIES OF TREASURER:**

Alderman Murphy left at 7:00 and returned at 7:05 p.m.

Item I. will be placed on the Next Committee Agenda, **May 20, 2024.**

**II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2 –
ALDERMANIC SPENDING:**

Attorney Adam Simon explained the ordinance, it matched the memo previously sent. Alderman Evans directed him to **pg. 3**. Attorney Simon explained it was the default rule. The Ward meetings expenditures needed to focus mainly on the City. It was at the discretion of the council members to change.

Alderman Jackson was hopeful with reasonable expenditures for Ward meetings. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson suggested the ordinance to be codified to assist staff with clarity of what should be accepted.

Alderman January asked the amount needed for Council approval. Chief of Staff Jackson explained it was **\$10,000+**. She wasn't content with the ordinance, agreeable with parameters being set and suggested the need for accountability of "all" elected officials.

Attorney Simon added that the **Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer** were also Department Heads with expenditures of **\$100**.

Alderman Jackson recalled and clarified it was Council consensus to place language of elected official policy vs. aldermanic.

The Mayor suggested a separate ordinance with legislative elected officials vs. the remaining were also department heads. Alderman Smith agreed with language of guidelines for the legislative and other elected officials discussed. Alderman January had suggested 1 ordinance with separate sections.

Attorney Simon was willing to prepare an ordinance for all elected officials. He clarified that appointed board members were not allowed to spend without approval. Alderman Evans clarified other cities requirements. Attorney Simon said there were no other municipal clients that utilized credit cards spending independently from the council. He was attempting an alternative method continually exercising authority that protected the council members legally.

Chief of Staff Jackson explained the time in his position, he received much feedback of aldermanic expenditures. He asked for a codified set of rules and explained. Attorney Simon advised Ward meetings could become political or campaigning events, he recommended a certain amount. Attorney Simon clarified the numbers were contingent upon the council's decision.

Chief of Staff Jackson suggested/recommended the foundation provided by the attorney, imploring that the council members codified the ordinance for consistency.

Alderman Allen emphasized need to be City business; each alderman had a certain amount in their account. Need to move forward in the City of North Chicago.

Alderman Jackson suggested moving forward with each council member meeting with Chief of Staff Jackson to establish an attentive ordinance draft amendment on one accord.

Alderman Coleman addressed the Chief of Staff with any issues of Mayoral spending. Mr. Jackson explained the incident of his flight delay previously discussed and was in order.

Alderman Coleman questioned the difference of Ward meeting and Community Days that was initiated as a campaign event and became city related. There were City funds expended with a revised name of public relations. Attorney Simon explained that Community Days were designed to elevate the city,

returning it to the city residents. It wasn't for the purpose of aggrandizing or politicizing a particular elected official. Alderman Coleman strongly stated that the ward meetings also promoted the City as a whole; again, he asked the difference.

The Mayor explained that Community Days were a function as other surrounding areas. The City of North Chicago, School and Park District were included in fundraising. Funds were solicited from sponsors contributed. All taxing bodies were encouraged to attend. He disagreed with the comparison. Alderman January had observed campaigning at the event. It was "crossing the line" between political and community event. She had also observed the team in shirts handing out political information in the parade.

Attorney Simon explained it was the Political Action Committee that supported the Mayor's campaign and purchased the float and the parade rules allowed anyone interested in the community. That was different from purchasing with city funds. He compared an alderperson utilizing their campaign funds for a ward party etc.

Alderman Coleman asked why was an entity labeled as political compared to the other. The rules need to be followed accordingly. There wasn't a real difference between Ward meetings and Community Days.

Item II would be placed until June 3rd for continued discussion.

III. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO PROPOSED WEBSITE POLICY:

Both items III & IV were removed.

IV. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO PROPOSED ELECTRONIC MEDIA POLICY:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

7:41 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF YOUTHBUILD, LAKE COUNTY – CONCEPT PRESENTATION:

Tameka Wilson, Youthbuild Executive Director provided the concept presentation.

Alderman Coleman agreed with interacting with the program and was in support of assisting the youth. Celebrating the 20th year and was very gratified for city funding consistently through CDBG funding. She recognized several board members present. The program assisted the youth in acquiring their diploma, affordable housing project and assistance for transitioning careers, college, or vocational schools. The program supported the youth and adults. There would be a 2-year funding amount of **1.5k** for the City. She named and explained the **(3)** separate ones, Youthbuild, Pre and Apprentice Programs. There was **88%** people of color, **72%** were low income, **76%** earned a diploma, **77%** secured employment within the 1st **(3)** months after departing the program. It was founded at Daisys Resource Center was located at the V.A. campus as a tenant and the remaining **17** years at the North Chicago Community School District. The lease will terminate in May **2025**. The proposed location in the City of North Chicago was provided by a slide presentation. The **1.4** Acre city property would retain and create an easement off from Renken Dr. for equipment storage. Parcel **#2; 3.66** acres; currently owned by Seepa and have agreed Youthbuild to acquire the property.

Ms. Wilson was looking forward to Youthbuild offering partnerships bringing job-training opportunities supporting North Chicago Economic Development. She was asking for a donation up to the market property price amount. They would create a detention area to beautify the location. It would also add a barrier between the building and the residents.

Alderman Coleman recognized the Lake County program. He and the Mayor work collectively best for the residents in the community. Secondly, that his interactions were always pleasant and would be willing to support. Mrs. Wilson clarified that the presentation was directed at the Council members and asked for a donation of the property to assist monetarily; Alderman Coleman commended her for assistance with the youth.

Alderman Jackson questioned the total acreage needed. Mrs. Wilson explained approximately **4**. He stated the need to collaborate with the Director of Economic & Community Development and Public Works. Secondly, he asked the certainty of any wetland property area. Chief of Staff Jackson replied to no. Mrs. Wilson explained that once approved, would send a letter of intent accessing engineering for determination. Alderman Jackson added if there would be any boring and Mrs. Wilson acknowledged there would be. She would ensure it was a viable area intended accordingly.

Alderman Allen asked if property was appraised. The Economic & Community Development Director clarified was performed with an amount of **\$280,000** excluding some parcels. Mrs. Wilson estimated **\$56 to \$58** per acre.

Alderman Smith applauded the program and recalled when he attended trade courses. He asked Mrs. Wilson if she could provide a success story in the **20** years as the Executive Director. She shared a book of success stories and shared a particular one in year **2009**. He graduated before attending the weatherization subject, homeless and had assistance. He attended CLC and progressed to a 4-year bachelor's degree. Eventually was involved with the real estate kit team and soon joined the Board of Directors. She also had a gentleman that eventually attended as a carpenter at Naval Great Lakes. He currently was a homeowner and resident. She added that **4** students were North Chicago residents.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy that Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**

- I. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE – EVIDENCE CUSTODIAN:**
Item I. was removed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

I. DISCUSSION OF HORSH PATEL – PURCHASING TEE PEE LIQUOR AND VIDEO GAMING AT 1801 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR:

Item I will be placed on the Next Committee of the Whole, May 20, 2024.